

MISSOURI has 14 acres of land per capita, but a good many citizens of this state have so far failed to connect with their share.

REV. DANIEL PENNIX, the oldest citizen of Ray county, Mo., is dead at the age of 96 years. He was born in Salisbury, England, in 1811.

NOTWITHSTANDING his repeated denials to the contrary, it is now plainly evident that President Theodore Roosevelt is a candidate for the third term.

FAIRBANKS is great on platitudes. He declared lately in a speech to the cotton-mill men that prosperity will continue if the nation is wise.

THE Cortelyou boom for president will have a good chance to be aired at the dinner to be given to him in New York by the postmasters of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

SECRETARY GARFIELD declares the lower ranks in the civil service are overpaid and the higher ones underpaid, but perhaps that comes from never having been in the "lower ranks."

No wonder Attorney-General Bonaparte is rather slow in tackling the trusts, for the next one on his list is the dynamite trust and to hammer it—well, you can see what may occur.

TEN tons of limberger cheese were recently unloaded in San Francisco, but the people there could not smell it on account of the unsavory official record of Mayor Schmitz, who is now in jail.

THE Republicans of Ohio are as much disgusted with the Taft manager who predicted "harmony" as those of us who have been deceived by the weather bureau prognostications.

OHIO Democrats are not losing any sleep as to whether Willis Taft or Fire Alarm Foraker will get the Ohio delegates to the Republican national convention, but they enjoy seeing Boss Cox on the anxious seat.

THE American Baptist missionary union calls upon President Roosevelt to make inquiry into the reasons why the Congo question has not been settled. That is rather a delicate proposition for Teddy to reply to.

As a result of the 4th of July casualties in this country in 1907, 59 persons were killed and 4,223 were injured. Patriotism on the "glorious fourth" comes high, but American people will celebrate even at the expense of life and limb.

A DELAWARE negro ventriloquist created great consternation at a darkey funeral the other day by making the corpse ask the pall-bearers "to let him down easy." It is needless to say that the pall-bearers let all hold go and fled, while the corpse went down with a rush.

At least two of the confidential clerks at the White house have nervous prostration, and if the Ohio and New York Repub-

lican factional fights don't take a turn for the better the president will have to take a rest. Still Mr. Roosevelt declares he is not trying to dictate who shall succeed him.

MARK TWAIN, one of America's most intellectual citizens dined with King Edward of England a few days ago. The king doubtless felt honored in having so distinguished a gentleman sup with him. It would be interesting to hear Mark's opinion of Edward.

BOSS Cox and the Cincinnati boodle contingent of the Republican party are all up in the air over the lightning changes in the political situation in Ohio and the wires are kept hot with sizzling messages to and from the White house by son-in-law Longworth. Let us have peace.

THE tax-payers of Missouri paid an average of \$216.65 for each pupil who attended the state university last year, while the average amount expended on children in the public schools was \$1.80 each. The question naturally arises: Is the difference in the two kinds of education at the state university and in the public schools worth the difference in price?

THOSE North Carolina officeholders whom the Democrats charged with too great partisan activity are to be warned by the civil service commission to "keep strictly out of politics." As postmasters, assistant postmasters, internal revenue and collectors of customs are not included in the classified service, the warning would seem to be an administration bluff.

A UNIQUE occurrence took place at Carthage, Ill., Sunday when Chas. Carroll, a vagrant confined in the calaboose, said he was tired of being a prisoner and asked permission to attend divine services. The chief of police granted Carroll's request, and he attended services at the Methodist church, after which he returned to the city bastille. Carroll was arrested for drunkenness and vagrancy.

THE county court judges of Lafayette county have set a good example to other county courts and blazed the way to prohibit the sale of liquor by the saloon men of Lafayette county on Sunday. No license would be granted by the court to any dramshop-keeper of that county unless he would agree to keep all curtains up so that the interior of his saloon could be plainly seen on the Lord's day.

THANKS to the good sense of Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri a new postal law was passed by the last congress and has now gone into effect, and which makes it no longer necessary to go to the post-office to buy a special delivery stamp for a letter which is sent in a rush. If you have not a special delivery stamp convenient all you have got to do now is to place 10 cts. extra in ordinary stamps on a letter and mark it "special delivery."

SOME Keytesville parents would do well to give heed to the good sense of the following from the Paris, (Mo.) Appeal: "It would be better to send a boy to the country and let him work for some good farmer all summer just for his board than to allow

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THERE have been 600 feet of new granitoid sidewalk laid in one stretch in Vandalia, Mo., and the Leader jubilantly remarks: You can now traverse that street without bringing into requisition the poise of the slack wire walker, the agility of the acrobat, concentration of mind necessary to the accomplishment of dangerous and hazardous feats. Whoever deserves the thanks for for this benefit conferred, has it, whether it is the property owner or the city council.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that the best Colonel Bryan could do as presidential candidate was to fan the air. The truth is that Mr. Bryan made a three-bagger in 1896 and came very near making a home run, while in 1900 he made at least a two-bagger. The third time is the charm, and we predict that the great Nebraskan will make a home run in 1908. No one fears this more than the Globe-Democrat, and that's why it continually hound Mr. Bryan.

SENATOR TILLMAN would like to see a southern man nominated by the Democrats for president, but thinks he will have to content himself with "Culberson of Texas, Hoke Smith of Georgia or Daniel of Virginia" for the second place on the ticket. All of these able and honest Democrats are quite fit to aspire to the presidency. The nominee for vice-president should always measure up to the standard fixed for president, for in the future as in the past the vice-president may be called upon to serve as president.

THERE seems to be quite a boom growing for Gov. Johnson of Minnesota for the Democratic nomination for president in consequence of the article recently published in the Commoner, which states that Gov. Johnson can carry Minnesota at the primaries and at the national election. This would seem to indicate that Mr. Bryan has not yet decided to be a candidate and like other Democrats is ready to select whoever can best unite the party, provided he comes up to the Democratic requirements of ability and honesty of purpose.

THE Missouri State Drummers' association held its annual convention at Moberly July 4 and 5, passed strong resolutions endorsing one of their members, John P. Gordon of Lexington, Mo., as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for state auditor at the general state primary election to be held in August, 1908. The Democratic drummers of Missouri are an influential factor in the politics of this state, and the COURIER believes that they are justly entitled to recognition on the ticket. They have acted wisely and well in selecting Mr. Gordon to stand for the nomination of state auditor. He was formerly deputy county clerk of Lafayette county and made an enviable record for himself as a faithful officer. Mr. Gordon was educated at Westminster college in Fulton, Mo., and is a member of the Presbyterian church. He now travels for the printing and lithographing firm of Buxton & Skinner,

of St. Louis, and is one of the most popular drummers of the state.

## Grant and the Presidency.

Jesse B. Grant of New York, the youngest son of former President U. S. Grant, is making a tour of the west and south to see what the people think of his becoming a candidate for the presidency. He is a Democrat, and says he is convinced that the people are heartily tired of frenzied finance and frenzied politics, and that he regards the time as ripe for the election of a safe and sane Democrat to the office of chief magistrate.

In answer to the question, propounded to him in St. Louis as to whether he had always been a Democrat, Mr. Grant said:

"Yes, and in this connection I will tell you a story which my father used to tell in great glee. Shortly before the Gargfield-Hancock campaign I became of age. One day father said to me; 'Jesse, have you registered?' I said I had. Then he asked me how I was going to vote. I told him I expected to support Gen. Hancock. He said all right, and that was all that there was to it so far as home was concerned, but he went all over the country stumping for Gen. Garfield, and told half the people in the United States that he was hardly the proper man to send on the stump for the reason that he could not control the vote of his own family, let alone gather in new recruits."

Speaking further Mr. Grant is quoted as saying:

"There is another thing that I want to make plain, and that is this: I am opposing no favorite son. If the people of this state think that Senator Stone, former Gov. Francis or Gov. Folk should have the nomination I will be the last fellow to say nay, but I would also be placing myself in a false light if I should tell the people of this state that I do not want the votes of their delegates in the convention."

"What do you think of Mr. Bryan's chances?" he was asked. "I am satisfied that the south does not want Mr. Bryan. Any other staunch Democrat could make a better race, in my opinion, than he."

"I do not want to be considered as antagonistic to Mr. Bryan nor do I want to say anything derogatory to his interests, but that is my candid opinion."

Mr. Grant is accompanied on his tour by National Committeeman Henry H. S. Childers of New York who says that he is convinced that the west and the south will name the next president. New York also realizes this, and it is hardly likely that New York will do anything else than support a man that the west and south can concentrate upon. While a resident of New York, Mr. Grant has spent the greater portion of his life in the west. He has been a miner and mining engineer ever since he left Cornell university, until he returned to New York a few years ago. His business interests are all in the west. He is, therefore, practically a western man.

## TALES TOLD BY OLD POTTERY.

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Pottery students and collectors find much to charm them in the old ware: they sometimes hit upon. For instance Micah Salt of Buxton, England, says the Philadelphia Record, has gathered eleven pieces of pottery illustrating the sports of bear-baiting, bull-fighting and cock fighting.

Some of them are of Nottingham make and probably date from the seventeenth century. They are all drinking vessels. The bears are shown muzzled and in various attitudes. Shakespeare has references to the sport of bear-baiting. Bear gardens, each kept by a bearsward, were common in his day. Bull-fighting and cock fighting are also illustrated. The figure of the cock is formed of the ware which is characteristic of the Asbury-Wood period and previous to the cream ware development of Josiah Wedgwood. The yellowish white is shaded by patches of brown. The black eye is characteristic of the period.

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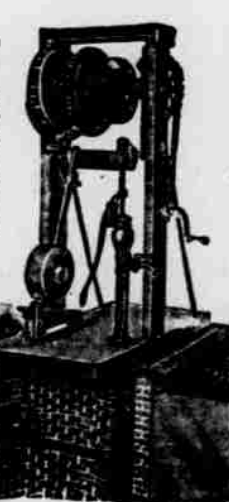
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